



Waverley Abbey School

All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 3

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Next week's worship theme – Harvest

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"

Galatians 6:9

We have had another busy week in school with trips to Kew for Y6 and the Planetarium for Y5. It has been a pleasure seeing so many children with excellent writing in their books when I have conducted learning walks this week too. Last week we also completed the selection of our pupil voice groups. I am always impressed with the level of preparation that pupils put into their speeches, letters of application and interviews. It is always a very hard decision for staff and pupils- and we received a record number of applications this year. Well done to every pupil who applied for a role. Whether they were successful on this occasion or not, they should feel very proud of their efforts.

Leave of Absence – A reminder to all parents/ carers about term time leave of absence.

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only does the child miss the teaching provided on the days they are absent, they are also less prepared for the lessons after they return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement, which the school and the parents/carers should seek to avoid. Parents/ carers are strongly advised against booking any leave of absence during term time as they will not be authorised. School holiday dates are published a year in advance and are available on the school and Surrey County Council websites.

For further details please refer to our attendance policy, on the school website. Please note, penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised leave of absence in term time.

Benedict's Law – At the start of term all staff completed their allergy awareness training as required from September 2026. If your child has an allergy, we ask that families inform the school and a decision will be made whether the child requires a healthcare plan (IHP). Our allergy awareness policy can be found on the school website.

RHSE policy consultation—In September 2026 updated government legislation came into action regarding Relationships, Health and Sex education in primary and secondary schools. As part of this all schools should undertake a period of consultation including an opportunity for parents to see the policy and share their views. At Waverley Abbey our consultation will start from Monday 8th October and end on the last day of half term (Friday 16th October). During parents' consultation evenings there will also be the opportunity to talk to a member of the SLT about the Trusts RHSE policy and the curriculum taught. Please come and see us if you wish to find out more!

Harvest: We will be celebrating harvest festival on Monday 5th October. At this time, we ask the children to reflect about children who are not so fortunate as themselves both in this country and further afield. We also collect food for Farnham food bank. I have attached their request list at the end of the newsletter.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Diary Dates 2026

October

Monday 5th	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 7th	Times Table Information Meeting - 8:45am
Friday 9th	Tilda's Bake Sale - 3:10pm (Year 6 Playground)
Saturday 10th	Cross Country Event
Tuesday 13th	Parents' Evening - 3:45pm - 6:45pm
Thursday 15th	Parents' Evening - 3:45pm - 5:45pm
Friday 16th	Break Up For Half Term

November

Monday 2nd	Return To School (Winter Uniform)
Tuesday 3rd	Individual And Sibling Photographs
Thursday 5th	Nasal Flu Spray Vaccinations Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Monday 9th	Year 5 Haslemere Museum Visit - 5OK and 5LB
Tuesday 10th	Year 5 Haslemere Museum Visit - 5AD and 5SM
Friday 13th	Year 4 Showcase - 2:30pm
Monday 16th	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 19th	Non Uniform Day FOWA PG Film Night - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Tuesday 24th	Christmas Wreath Workshop - 7pm - 9pm

December

Tuesday 1st	Rocksteady Christmas Concert - 2pm
Wednesday 2nd	Clarinet Concert - 2:30pm
Monday 7th	Year 6 Showcase - 2:30pm
Thursday 10th	Year 3 Pantomime Visit FOWA Christmas Fair
Monday 14th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Harvest Festival

Dear Waverley Abbey school,

Thank you so much for confirming that you will once again be donating your harvest festival collection to the Foodbank this year. We are incredibly grateful for your support. Receiving harvest donations has made a real difference in the past and ensures that we can continue to feed those in the local community who are struggling.

As always, we would appreciate any **in date, non-perishable** food items or toiletries but if possible, could your school please collect the items listed below:

- Cereal
- Tinned soup
- Biscuits
- Rice pudding

Policies

Please see the links below regarding our policies, these are available to view on our website.

Allergy Awareness Policy Link

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/policies>

Attendance Policy Link

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/policies>

GST RHSE Policy – Link

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/RSHE-Policy-Autumn-2026.pdf>

Curriculum link for the PSHE curriculum (personal, social, health and economic education)

<https://www.waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/subjects/pshe>